





## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

We've got it on good authority that this town is among the first along Santa Claus' route, and that he's scheduled to make a long stop here!

We hope that "Santa Claus will be good to you," and that this holiday time will be one of exceptional joy and happiness to you and your family.

We Will Be Closed all day Christmas and December 26 and 27

LONG'S MARKET

## WANT ADS

Telephone 3111.

WANTED—Turning logs. Pioneer Log Cabin Co., Roscommon, Mich. 9-21-12-28-44

## Wanted--Oil Leases

In Northeastern Michigan by one of Michigan's most active oil drilling companies now participating in drilling operations on several Wildcat tests.

We pay good lease rentals, but are primarily interested in deep drilling operations for new crude oil production.

Please give complete legal description of your farm acreage, section number, town and range information.

Send this advertisement together with your resident address to

**OIL DRILLING COMPANY**  
Box 490,  
Grayling, Michigan

WANTED—A baby cutter. Must be in good condition. Ph. 4287.

WANTED—To buy second hand alarm clock. In good condition. Notify Avalanche office.

WANTED TO BUY—Second hand tricycle in good condition. Call 3641, Callahan's Service.

LOST—Light blue fender skirt between Grayling and Kalkaska, on Dec. 4th. Finder will please deliver to Green Lantern Tavern in Alba, Mich., and receive reward.

FOR SALE—\$1.00 and \$2.00 per 100 chicks, discount on orders booked now for later delivery. 19th year trapnesting in R.O.P. Bloodtested 18 years. Michigan's most hardy northern bred strain. Sterling Poultry Farm and Hatchery, Sterling, Mich. Home of the "Alaskan" strain. (16)

WANTED—Lake Oscego or Big Bear frontage. Write F. A. Kren, 1167 W. Fischer, Saginaw, Michigan. 21-28-4

FOR SALE—One pair girls' tubular skates, size 8. Mrs. H. R. Bradley, City.

FOR RENT—Couple preferred. 4 room modern unfurnished apt. available Jan. 1, 400 Michigan. Sam Rasmussen.

FOR SALE—Two burner oil stove. Ph. 3641 or Callahan's Gas Station.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY

505 Michigan Avenue  
Next to the Danebod Hall

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday evenings, 7 until 9 P.M. On Saturday afternoons from 2 until 5. Children's story hour every Saturday afternoon from 1 until 2.



They've been wishing  
"Merry Christmas"  
For about two thousand years,  
We can wish you nothing  
better--  
'Til a better wish appears!

**SALES**  
5¢ to \$1.00 STORE

## WIN TWO GAMES

(Continued from first page)

Kalkaska High School Gym. Fouls were exchanged by both teams and a few points were scored by each team through free throws. Every player on both teams played his best to make it a sensational game.

The score was 33 to 27 in Graylings favor.

TP

Brady	8
Bennett	9
Keway	2
Carlson	8
Schlaible	4
Harwood	0
Caid	0

The game between the Grayling Reserves and Kalkaska Reserves played at Kalkaska High School Gym was won by Kalkaska. The Kalkaska players were somewhat taller than Grayling's team. Kalkaska was ahead from the start and won by 31 points.

The score was 39 to 8 in Kalkaskas favor.

## "Northern Lights"

### Visual Education

Last week movies included "Grey Squirrel," a movie showing the life habits of the squirrel for grade students. Chemistry students were shown two movies "Molecular Theory of Matter" and "Oxidation and Reduction." Geography and grade students saw four reels on the Netherlands East Indies. These films showed the way of living on Nias, Sumatra and Java. They were distributed by the Netherlands Information Bureau of Holland, Michigan. A 6th War Loan Film was also shown.

### Home Extension

The Home Extension groups were busy cleaning and adjusting sewing machines last Tuesday and Wednesday. The paint room of the shop was used.

### On the Bulletin Board

"Rather Be Beaten in the Right Than Succeed in the Wrong."

### "Look Ahead"

### Homemaking Visitor

Miss Ruth Freegard, Chief of Division Homemaking from Lansing visited our Homemaking Department last Thursday. She went over the post war plans for the department and made several suggestions. After spending the day with the classes Miss Freegard met with Miss Burrows in the school office and discussed the program for the balance of the year.

### 6th War Loan

Friday marked the close of the War Loan Drive in the school. The red-in-the-thermometer went way over the top when Salcs Manager Margaret Charren marked up a total of \$7,137.50 (cost value) for the stamp and bond sales from November 20 to December 16.

To celebrate the successful close of the drive a matinee party was held for the High School Friday afternoon. Games and dancing made up the program. The War Loan committee sold cookies and pop for defense stamps. Students also purchased a 25¢ stamp as the admission price.

### Christmas

The rooms are very prettily decorated for the coming Christmas season. Several of the grades are planning plays and the High School is planning a program.

School will close at noon Friday, December 22 and reopen again as usual on Wednesday, January 3rd.

### Grades

Mrs. Stripe is substituting for Miss Lamotte in the 4th grade this week.

## Grayling Bowling League

Team	W. L. Pts.
Wedbeds Specials	27 15 37
Hi-Speed Gas	26 16 36
Hanson's Chevrolet	25 17 35
Spike's Keg O'Nails	24 18 32
Green's Tavern	22 17 29
Jarmin's Insurance	20 18 28
Mac's Drugs	21 18 27
Bertl's Mobilgas	17 25 22
Spike's Shingle Nails	16 26 22
Gamble Stores	17 25 22
Butler's Morticians	16 26 20
Grayling Restaurant	15 24 18
The end of the 14th week saw Wedbeds' Special climb from fourth place to the top of the heap, while Spike's Keg O'Nails kegsters skidded from first to fourth slot. Hi-Speed and Hanson's hold their places. Green's Tavern and Jarmin's Insurance traded places, while Butler's and the Grayling Restaurant also switched places. C. Johnson still held the first place with an average of 184 for 42 games. L. Carrieville captured both the individual high in the three game series and single games in the 13th week's rolling with a 560 and 215. A. May was high in the three game series with a 602 while D. Smock rolled a 244 for high single game in the 14th week session. G. Day still was high in both single and three game series for the season with 286 and 637.	

### Lovell Notes

Mrs. Joe Gardopee enjoyed a few days visit in Flint last week with relatives.

Pat Carroll is visiting in Detroit for a week with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Paul Loeffler is in Detroit visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Siegel and family, also her son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Loeffler and children.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Stillwagon and granddaughter, Ruth Diana Halberg made a trip to Bay City last Saturday. Margaret Hersted and Mrs. Anna Clark of West Branch returned with them and will spend most of the winter with their sisters, Mrs. T. E. Douglas and Mrs. C. Stillwagon.

Everyone seems busy making preparations for Christmas which is "just around the corner."

The Ladies Club "The Cheerful Givers" are making all plans for their community Christmas tree and dinner to be held at the Town Hall, Saturday night, Dec. 23rd. All are invited to attend. Dinner will be served at 6 P.M. after which they expect a visit from Santa Claus.

Nick Loeffler and Walter Andrews are busy putting up more cabins.

Mrs. Louise McCormick spent a few days in Toledo with her son, Bob, who had four days leave from Navy work. Miss Louise of Detroit joined her mother in Detroit and also enjoyed a few days with her brother in Toledo.

The "Cheerful Givers" will meet next Wednesday, December 27th, with Mrs. Harriet Steckling. Mrs. Caid's birthday will be observed. Potluck lunch will be served at 1 o'clock.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Dec. 21—S. S. Program; Thurs. 8; Michelson Memorial church.

Dec. 27—Kiwanis Ladies' Night, 6:30. Shoppenagons.

Jan. 8—Women's Club. Mrs. Holger Schmidt.

Jan. 8—Mom's meeting, Grange Hall.

Jan. 11—Veterans Dinner, Zuel's Tavern.

## Kiwanis Club Notes

Announcement was made by President Roy Trudgeon at this week's meeting of the Kiwanis Club that next week's meeting will be held at 6:30 Wednesday evening at the Shoppenagon Inn.

The meeting will be in the order of a Ladies' Night with a dinner. The new officers for 1945 will be installed at the meeting. An extensive program is planned. Trudgeon said.

This week's meeting was held with the Christmas spirit prevailing. Silent Night and Jingle Bells were among the numbers that Dr. C. G. Clippert led the club in singing while Mrs. Clippert accompanied on the piano.

The usual Christmas gifts of toys were handed out by Santa Claus Floyd Davis. The toys were later collected to be given to children for Christmas. A number of men stayed over after the meeting to wrap and tie the gifts.

Gifts were distributed to all by Santa Claus followed by a reception and buffet lunch.

## Woman's Club

Michelson Memorial Church was the meeting place of the last club meeting. The film "Pioneer Women" was shown and Mrs. Norman Butler gave an account on the origin of Christmas Carols.

The Kiwanis Club is working in co-operation with Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. Max Laage and Mrs. James McDonnell, the club's committee for underprivileged children and with the help of Mrs. Helen Corwin will reach over 40 children. Both the Kiwanis and Woman's Clubs have voted the necessary money to buy toys and clothing to add to the amount already collected. This group wish to thank the merchants who have co-operated with this cause.

The next club meeting will be on Jan. 8 at Mrs. Holger Schmidt's home and the film "Alexander Hamilton" will be shown.

## Bridge Club Meets

The Wednesday Night Bridge Club entertained their husbands last Saturday night at a Christmas party given at the Frank Bonds.

The guests enjoyed a potluck dinner served buffet style from a table which was attractively decorated in the Christmas motive. Following dinner humorous gifts were exchanged and cards were played. Bob Strong having high score and Mrs. Willard Cornell second. At the conclusion of the card games, a lunch was served.

May the Joy which comes From the true spirit of Christmas Be yours today and through all the days of the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Butler

## Local Girl Writes

### Winning Prayer

At a class meeting early in December at the Kingswood School, the girls were asked to write an appropriate prayer for December 7. The finished articles were to be judged and the one which the school officials thought best would be published in the Pontiac Press.

Following is Billyann's prayer:

### A PRAYER ON DECEMBER 7

Almighty God, father and protector of all; I thank thee for the many blessings thou hast bestowed upon me. In this time of strife and anxiety make me, O Lord, a better student that I can help to build up the path of righteousness that has been

trampled by the heavy tread of mighty armies.

Grant, most merciful Father, that this time of strife will soon be over so that our boys and boys of other nations, may return home again and peace on earth may be restored. Amen.

—A Kingswood Senior.

The prayer certainly indicates that the younger generation has a keen grasp of the situation both for the present and future. In fact it seems they may have a better outlook than most adults.

## Christmas Party

### At Shoppenagons Inn

The Wednesday Bridge Club entertained their husbands with a Christmas party last Sunday evening. The couples enjoyed a delicious dinner at Shoppenagons Inn. The table was attractive in its holiday finery, silver tapers and evergreen boughs.

Following the dinner, the twelve couples met at the Charles Moores where bridge was enjoyed. High score for the men was held by Frank Bond and for the women by Mrs. Emil Geigling. Second high went to Charles Moore, and Mrs. Esborn Hanson.

## Christmas Party At Mercy Hospital

The annual Christmas party for the Nursing staff and employees of the hospital was given by the Sisters of Mercy Monday night, December 18, 1944.

The following Christmas program was enjoyed by all:

Welcome, Mary M Noa; poem, "Little Jesus Came to Town"; Betsy Niederer; vocal solo, "Star of Bethlehem"; Mr. E. Webb, accompanied by Mrs. C. G. Clippert; vocal solo, "Gesu Bambino"; Miss Regina Noa; group singing, Christmas songs; Students and Aides of Mercy Hospital, accompanied by Mary M. Noa.

Gifts were distributed to all by Santa Claus followed by a reception and buffet lunch.

## Moms

### Unit No. 47

The Mom's Unit No. 47, held their Christmas party for the Dads, Monday evening at the Grange Hall. There were around 25 couples present.

Part of the evening was spent playing games and cards. Mrs. Nicl Mathews held high score in cards and Eugene Papendich had low. Mrs. Middie LaMotte had high in games with Norman Johnson low. Mrs. Emma

was the lucky recipient of



*Hearty  
Christmas Greetings  
from the  
M. O. M. S.  
UNIT 47*

Nazis Headed for United States



Hundreds of German soldiers, captured in the Allied drive across France and into the Reich, jam the deck of a coast guard manned troop transport headed for America. The prisoners of war will be held in internment camps in the United States until peace clears the way for their return to their homeland.

### Legal Notices

#### TIMBER SALE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that jack pine timber on the following described lands will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at the headquarters of the Au Sable State Forest, on Friday, January 5, at 4 P. M., Central War Time:

Block I, T28N-R1W, Sec. 25, SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 36 NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Block II, T28N-R2E, Sec. 7, SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The blocks will be offered separately. Cutting permits will be awarded to the responsible bidder or bidders offering the largest cash bonus in addition to agreeing to pay the following stumpage prices:

Jack pine logs \$7.00 per M board feet.

Jack pine pulp wood \$1.25 per standard cord.

The cutting to be done according to the following specifications: Cut all merchantable jack pine 10 inches and over in diameter at stump height. Stump height to be 10 inches; brush to be lopped and scattered not to exceed 30 inches in depth.

Operations under the permits issued as a result of this sale will terminate January 5, 1946.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

For information relative to this sale contact Max Laage, Au

#### Improves Clay

If clays are modified with humus or well-rotted manure, they're among our best soils. But if the soil is stiff, hard clay, don't use it for the root crops like beets, carrots, turnips and parsnips.

### Clarence Gross BARBER SHOP



WHAT stancher tree than the oak, and what stancher friends than ours? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand.

In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.

### ZAUEL'S TAVERN

# GREETINGS

1944

A  
Merry  
Christmas

LOYALTY works both ways. You have been loyal to us, and we are loyal to you.

To you, our friends, who have so helped us to make 1944 successful, we send the friendliest of

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

and Best Wishes for the New Year

### BURROW'S FOOD MARKET

### PARSONS AND LAMM Service Station

MAY the blessings of God be with you, our friends, and with all of us... in our souls and upon our hearths. We can offer no more gracious greeting this Yuletide.

### Michigan Mirror

(Continued from Page 1)

Boys who will come under the draft within the first eight months after they enter the University are not eligible. Selection of the winners will be made by a scholarship committee from the University. Co-operating with it in suggesting and picking applicants will be alumni clubs or individual alumni, local teachers, and community leaders.

The school superintendent and principal have been sent full information and the necessary application blanks for all students who wish to apply.

"It was tough going. One man would stay by a blaze and another would go ahead and pick up and other and then call out and wait until the first man came up and thus we kept on going, never sure of where we were going or if we were on the right trail."

"Finally we saw the waters of the lake glistening in the moonlight through the timber in a little valley ahead of us. We made straight for it and hit the lake at the spot where the little spring creek that I spoke of runs into the lake at the foot of a big timbered hill. It was about midnight, and we were so tired and sweaty from our trip that we simply made a fire near the little brook and curled up in our sleeping bags and dropped off to sleep without any further ado."

"It must have been about two hours after that along about two in the morning that I woke up nearly froze stiff and jumped out of the bag and threw some wood on the dying embers of the fire and got a nice blaze going. With my back to the fire and getting the chill of the night out of my bones I took note of my surroundings. As I said before, it was late August, and in this Lake Superior country we sometimes get a frost about that time. Well, the night had cooled off considerably—enough so that a chill mist had risen from the water and hung like a blanket over the landscape."

"The full moon was in the sky so that it now poured its light through the tops of the tall trees on the high hill back of our camp, and tree tops seemed to hang suspended in this moonlight and mist like some ghostly scene from another world. It was too beautiful and weird to seem real."

"I tried to wake up my son to take a look at this scene but he had curled up in his sleeping bag like a little bear and all my efforts to arouse him were in vain. So I drank in the scene for a long time and wished that I were an artist so that I could put it all down on paper for some one else to see and admire. Finally I went to sleep with my back to the fire and still gazing up at the moonlight filtering down through the tree top. And that was my introduction to Lily Pad lake."

Yes, we know that the war's casualties to date totaled 552,018 at mid-December. The total Army and Navy dead was 121,363. Increase for one week in December was 2,043.

Raymond Dick's narrative is a symbol of one of the things we are fighting for—the right of a father to hike with his son into the peaceful beauty of the Michigan outdoors, to seek those elusive big trout, to watch the mist form a halo about an August moon, and to enjoy God's country without the sound of war's destruction and madness.

In the spirit of last week's column, we hope all Michigan GI Joe's have the opportunity someday to follow that old blazed trail to Lily Pad lake—symbolically at least if not actually. Such is our wish at this Christmas-tide.

Cabbage Juice  
Mashed cabbage was prescribed by the Roman Cato in 200 B. C. for bruises. The germicidal properties of cabbage juice is a "recent discovery."

### WANTED TURNING LOGS

Call Willard Cornell - Phone Grayling 2821  
Pioneer Log Cabin Co.  
Roscommon, Mich.

### Dime-A-Dozen' Club Formed



First Lieut. Raymond Ross, Medford, Ore., is shown handing out certificates attesting to the kills, 47 Japs, by members of the "Dime-A-Dozen" club. He promised each man in the unit ten cents for every dozen Japs killed. When photo was taken they lacked one Jap from having earned their 40-cents for the four dozen.

### At Random —

#### My Week

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 12. Started this week in Fort Wayne with a Sunday snow storm and did it snow! Plenty of cars had to be helped back into the road again.

That night we were dinner guests of the George Griffiths who spend much of the year at their cabin on the Au Sable, and was my face red when George demanded an explanation on those Hoosiers "you an end-we uns" But that ain't the way I heard it.

Monday, Eleanor and Ann accompanied us to Chicago; probably thought we might get on the wrong side of the train, and at 8:15 we boarded the Overland Limited for "Frisco." There was little to see between Chicago and Cheyenne unless one is interested in miles of Nebraska corn fields and large ranges of prime ribs of beef on the hoof.

Michigan is not the only state in the snow belt. Evidence of the storm was seen clear through to Wyoming.

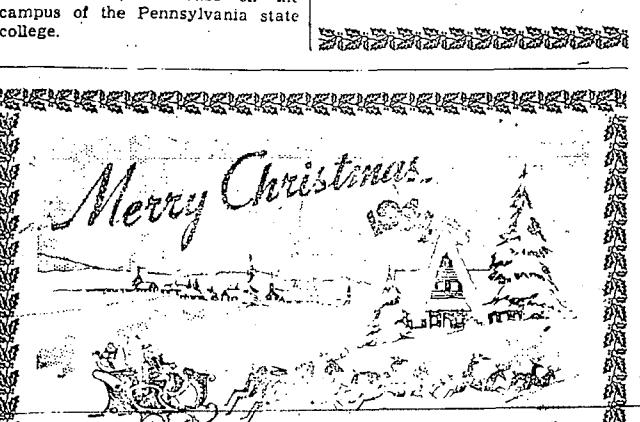
Mayor Kelly didn't meet us at Chicago but we figured the snow was just too deep and he might be embarrassed over the difference in snow removal between Grayling and the big Illinois city.

Plenty of Trees  
There are approximately 4,000 trees and 12,000 shrubs on the campus of the Pennsylvania state college.



There's a joy in the heart  
That sets Christmas apart,  
To make it a day of all days.  
And may its true peace  
And good will never cease  
To bless you in manifold ways.

### GRAYLING 5c to \$1 STORE



### WE THANK YOU

All during 1944 we have been storing up our gratitude to the people of this community, as they have come in day after day. Now that Christmas is here it is time to make delivery. So here it comes . . . our gratitude to you in one great big wish for a big, happy, merry Christmas.

### Shirlee Shoppe

To All Our Esteemed Guests, Kind Patrons, Friends:  
(Wherever they are) — Be it near or far)

A Very Merry Christmas  
and A Happy New Year

from LOUIS and MARTHA, at Louis' Log Cabin on the AuSable  
The Little Stater of Fine Food and Service



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Grayling, Michigan, Thursday, December 21, 1944.

**"We Owe It To Ourselves!"**

A few years ago people joked about the Federal debt. Those who viewed the growing cost of government and chronic deficits with trepidation, were hooted down with glib arguments about "owing the debt to ourselves." Where are these easy going exponents of debt now?

Dr. Roy Blough, director of the division of tax research of the Treasury Department, says the problem of postwar taxation will be far more difficult to solve than the wartime tax problem. Predicting that the postwar tax problem will be the "most difficult tax problem in American history," he declared that the tax load promises to be so high that "any system will inevitably have restrictive effects on consumption and investment. The most we can hope for is that taxes will be designed to produce the minimum interference with factors and forces leading to full employment."

Previous statements by other Treasury officials have stressed the importance of the postwar debt problem. Only two days before Dr. Blough's statement, the House of Representatives' special committee on Postwar Economic Policy and Planning, predicted a postwar budget approaching \$20 billion, pointed out that this would amount to a charge, direct and indirect, of more than \$550 on the average family of four. State taxes would be another \$350, making a total annual tax (if all expenses were to be met currently and deficit financing avoided) of \$900 on each average family.

No wonder the philosophy of "we owe it to ourselves" has gone into hiding!

**Get Liberty and  
Peace on Earth!**

King Michael of Romania sits on the wheel of U.S. army jeeps while Col. Marshall E. Gray, San Antonio, Texas, explains some of the mechanical features of the

**Service Letters**

Dear Editor:

Suppose there is plenty of snow up home now and probably plenty of cold. Well, as you can see, I am in Florida, and will undoubtedly spend the winter here. Have five weeks of aerial gunnery training and about three months of operational training unit. So I can spend a winter in Florida at the Navy's expense. You may address my paper as follows: Charles E. Owen (AOM) S 2-c, Naval Air Gunnery School, Jacksonville, Florida.

Thanking you for the trouble. I remain sincerely,

Charles E. Owen.

**Churches**MICHELSON MEMORIAL  
CHURCH

Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Bible School.

11:00 A. M.—Public worship. Join us in these helpful meetings.

Public is invited.

Ernest A. Benedict, Pastor

GRAYLING EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

English Sunday Services.

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School

11 A. M.—Worship.

Everyone is welcome.

Svend Holm, Pastor.

## FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State

Sunday Services

Sunday School—10:00 a. m.

Sermon—11:00 a. m.

Evening Worship—7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting—7:30 p. m.

Come and worship with us.

Alva Calkins, Pastor.

## CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16

The Blood Heb. 9:22

That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

New Location—Grange Hall

Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

6:45 P. M.—Young people.

7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

## Midweek Services

Thursday—

7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every

body's Bible Class.

Pastor, F. D. Barnes

## FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

"We preach Christ crucified for

our sins"

10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.

Wednesday—Prayer meeting

and Bible study—8:00 p. m.

EXCELSIOR CHURCH (near  
Darragh).

Services every Friday night—

8:00 p. m.

## JOHANNESBURG

Church Services Thursday night—

at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Chas. Opitz.

Book 4 good for 10 points each indefinitely. **SUGAR**

## Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and

34 in Book 4 good for 5 lb. each

indefinitely. Stamp 40 good for 5

lb. canning sugar through Feb

28, 1945.

## SHOES

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 airplane stamps

good. Take Book 3 when shop-

## GASOLINE

Stamp A-13 in new book good

for 4 gallons through Dec. 21.

Unit value 10 gallons. All change-

making and reserve coupons

good throughout heating year.

## TIRES

Inspections not compulsory

unless applying for tires. Com-

mercial inspections due every

six months or 5000 miles which-

ever comes first.

## FUEL OIL

Period 4-5 coupons good thru

Aug. 31, 1945. Period 1 coupons

for new season good now. Unit

value 10 gallons. All change-

making and reserve coupons

good throughout heating year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way,  
O! what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open shay!

We have much to be thankful for this Christmas, and we want to express our thanks to you.

May this Christmas season of 1944 be an especially happy one for you.

**STANDARD OIL**

ERNEST HOESLI, Agent

Board open to the public 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. every week day.

## PROCESSED FOODS

Blue stamps A-8 through Z-5

in Book 4 good for 10 points each

indefinitely.

## MEATS, CHEESE, BUTTER,

## FATS, CANNED FISH,

## CANNED MILK

Red stamps A-8 through S-5 in

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 22, 1921

Middle LaMotte lost the first and second and part of his index fingers when his hand was caught in a gear on a machine at the Salling Hanson Co. mill.

The heaviest snowfall for many years occurred here Friday afternoon. The snow was very wet and clung to the trees and wires. It was a beautiful sight, but not so rosy for the line companies as many wires were broken by the weight of the snow. The ground was covered with about two feet and made excellent sleighing and good working for the logging companies.

Henry Stephan, Jr., 13-year-old lad, who accidentally shot himself a couple weeks ago is much improved, Mercy Hospital attendants say. He will be removed to the home of his sister, Mrs. Skingley, the latter part of the week.

THE confusion, the bustle and indecision of the holidays is now over. The last gift has finally been selected, the last package wrapped, tagged and duly ribboned. Now let's settle down to the real enjoyment of Christmas.



We want you to get just what you want and to be just as happy as you can be. We want you to be happier this Christmas of 1944 than you have ever been before. As for us, we are more grateful to you this Christmas than ever before, for it marks a peak in our pleasant relations. We could not allow this important occasion to slip by without wishing you all a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Grayling Mercantile Co.

**GOOD?  
It's  
Delicious!**

**Schmidts**  
"America's Finest Beer"

NO SUGAR OR GLUCOSE ADDED

**TOYS**  
Wagons  
and  
**Other Toys**  
Get in your order.  
Drop a card to  
**N. H. NIELSEN**  
602 Park GRAYLING

## Former Grayling Boy Weds in California

On Dec. 3rd, Mark Lewis, 1121 Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, Calif., and Elizabeth Anne Bradish of the Burbank high school staff were united in marriage with Rev. Donnel of the Episcopal Ministry, reading the double ring service in Chapman Park Chapel.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, L. M. Bradish, of Chicago.

She was attended by her sisters Miss Marjorie Hathaway, Mrs. Evelyn Briggs and Mrs. Maxine Munch. They were attired in coral silk Jersey with violet accessories. The bride had chosen

for her wedding gown an informal floor length white silk jersey. She carried white camellias in which was nestled a white Bible.

The groom's attendants were Jack LaRock and Albert Champion, Flint High School and Michigan State colleagues, also Bill Cronin, his associate with the General Electric Co.

Miss Dorothy Brockman of Burbank, sang "Schubert's Serenade" and the "Ich Liebe Dich" from the "Song of Norway."

Hosfesses at a reception after the ceremony, in the "Green Room" of the Chapman Park Hotel was the bride's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hathaway and the groom's aunt, Miss Dorothy Campbell. Both wore black suits and corsages of pink camellias. The newlyweds left for a two weeks sojourn to a ranch near Santa Barbara following the reception.

The new home will be established temporarily in the San Jose apartments of the groom's present address.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Bradish Hathaway of Burbank, is a graduate of the University of Southern California. Her sorority is Alpha Gamma Delta. Mr. Lewis who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis, of Flint, Michigan, attended Michigan State College, is a member of Psi Epsilon and Honorary Engineering Society. He is with the motor division of the General Electric of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mark was born in Grayling. Living here until his parents moved to Flint in the fall of 1926 but still spent his summers at Lake Margrethe. His being transferred to the west coast by his company makes his Grayling trips less frequent.

## Fete Retiring Ship Engineer

The M. A. Hanna Co., Str. Albert E. Heekin, in command of Captain R. F. Leng, docked at the B. & O. R. R. Co. dock in L. rain, was the scene of a surprise dinner party Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1944.

The party was staged by shipmates and old acquaintances of Alex Farquhar, Chief Engineer on the Heekin, whom is retiring this fall after many seasons with the M. A. Hanna Co. Mr. Farquhar started with the company in 1905 and has been chief engineer of the Heekin since 1917.

Mr. Major, fleet engineer; other officials from the Cleveland office, and crew members presented Mr. Farquhar with a traveling case and other gifts.

When asked regarding future plans, Mr. Farquhar intimated that he would spend some time in Hot Springs, Ark. When at home Mr. Farquhar lives at 1505 Elbur Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

## See New Order Filling Jobs

Application of the "work or power" rule to Michigan manpower will go a long way toward filling the approximately 30,000 openings in essential industries in the state, Edward L. Cushman, State Director of the War Manpower Commission said today.

The order, issued from the White House by Director of War Mobilization and Reconstruction, James F. Byrnes, calls upon Selective Service officials to scrutinize the classification of all men between the ages of 26 and 37 years, with a view to inducting them into the armed services to replace men released from the armed services to work in industry, manning "critical shortage" plants.

"The order contemplates the widespread induction of men in that age group who heretofore had been deferred because of age or of being engaged in essential industry, but who are no longer so engaged," Cushman said, and it will serve to check up on thousands of eligible workers who have left war work for something less essential.

During the last year approximately 11,000 men have left war work for less essential work, and we could use their services in hastening production of items in which we have critical shortages. We need approximately 30,000 more men in war plants in the state, and 311,500 in the nation," he said.

"The shortage in army's reserves of munitions, trucks, electronics and cotton duck manufacturers has become so acute as to be regarded as critical," he added.

Justice Byrnes has instigated the release by the army and navy of several thousand men contingent upon their return to essential industries. Some of these men already have been assigned to Michigan mines and foundries. If it should be necessary to release all the men now so desperately needed in this production, we have the machinery to do it. All shortages in the armed services, of course, would be made up by induction of men

Mayor George Burke. Councilmen present: Burns, Carlson, Milnes, Gross, Burke, City Attorney Moore.

Absent: None.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of Justice of Peace for month of November received.

Bids on Lot 6, Block 17. Original Plat received and opened. One bid received. John Bruun,

son, Milnes.

Nay: None.

Moved by Burke, supported by Carlson, that the City Manager be authorized to engage the firm of Ayers, Lewis, Norris and May to prepare the necessary data to submit to the War Production Board to obtain the required priority to purchase an additional Diesel electric unit for the Grayling electric plant.

Yea: Burke, Carlson, Gross, Burns, Milnes.

Nay: None.

Moved by Burke, supported by Gross that the City of Grayling sponsor a full page ad for the Sixth War Loan Drive, in the Crawford Avalanche, issue of December 14.

Yea: Burke, Burns, Cross, Milnes, Carlson.

Nay: None.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Carried. George Granger, City Clerk.



... It's Christmas!

So Let's Celebrate!

Let's celebrate by recalling on every day what Christmas is and what it means. Let's celebrate by never doubting that eventually Good shall triumph. Let's celebrate by making children happy and by opening our hearts to those in need.

That's the way to have the Merry Christmas we wish for you.

**HUNTER'S  
AUSABLE  
DAIRY**

Do Your Christmas Shopping  
Now in Grayling.

## HARK, THE ANGEL VOICES!

May the sweet old Christmas story bring to you this year a deeper meaning... a larger store of its joy and peace and gladness than it ever has before.

## EMIL NIEDERER

ICE AND FUEL



HOLY NIGHT SILENT NIGHT



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will, you depend upon ours.

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1944 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.



These two young club members of the Hollywood club are looking seriously to the future, learning wood turning and doing very well too—solving future American problems.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Dec. 4, 1944.  
Regular Meeting  
Meeting called to order by

## Business Directory

Drs. Keyport & Clippert  
Dr. Keyport Dr. Clippert  
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS  
Office Hours—2 to 4; 7 to 8 p. m.  
Sundays by appointment.

## GRAYLING STATE SAVINGS BANK

Bank Money Orders. Interest paid on deposits. Collections and general banking business. Phone 9636.  
8 to 11:30 A. M. 1 to 3 P. M.  
Margrethe L. Nelson,  
Cashier.

## MAC & GIDLEY REGISTERED PHARMACISTS

Phones  
2171 and 2181 Grayling

DR. J. F. COOK  
DENTIST  
HOURS—9:00 A. M. to 12 Noon.  
1:00 to 5:00 P. M.  
Evenings by appointment.  
408 Michigan Avenue

## DONALD J. PARENT

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
PHONE 413, GAYLORD  
Offices in Gaylord  
State Savings Bank

Home address 6½ miles east of  
Frederic on Lovells Rd.

## DR. MAX G. KELSEY

Chiropractic-Naturopathic  
Physician  
Complete X-Ray Service  
Roscommon, Phone 53  
Marsh and Malone Bldg.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, FOLKS!

You've been grand passengers  
on this eventful trip through 1944

Next stop, 1945! But just before we arrive, let me say to every

one of you — "Thanks for being good sports and good Americans — thanks for using buses with careful regard to war needs — thanks for being good natured about occasional discomfort and crowding."

The fact that you can take travel at its worst, and still smile with us, has helped us do a far more efficient wartime job. It has made us even more determined to give you highway travel such as this nation has never known. — come Victory! Right now, new

Super-Coachers with amazing comfort features are shaping up innovations of convenience and sightseeing are on their way.

The months just ahead will be decisive ones for all the world. We know you'll keep right on with that patriotic cooperation that has helped transportation do its tremendous job all through the war years.

For A Happier Trip Through 1945...

Keep on buying War Bonds — each bond is a bomb for our enemies. Keep on giving blood through the Red Cross — to save the lives of our fighting men.

Greyhound Terminal -- Shoppenagons Inn

Phone 4441



SPIKE'S KEG O'NAILS

## They Raise Large Families in Pennsylvania



Left: Mrs. Ethel Esterly of Allentown, Pa., is shown in hospital with the son born to her recently. Surrounding her are her husband, Earl Wallace Esterly, right, foreground, and 15 more of her 18 living children. She says the new son, Timothy, will be the last. Right: The mother of 17 children, Mrs. Stella Dorothy Welsh, 43, of Allison Park, Pa., has donated 11 pints of blood to the Red Cross. She and her husband, Robert J. Welsh, 53, are shown with 14 of their children. Two sons are in the service, another was killed in action.



### THE SEASON GREETINGS

19 44

★ There will be a halo over the homes of America this Christmas radiating from the new hope for the world.

That your Christmas season may be both joyous and happy is the sincere wish of

### GRAYLING LAUNDRY



Turkey and cranberry sauce and plum pudding are symbols of the lighter side of Christmas. We want you to have these, too, this Yule season of 1944, plus all the other joys that give Christmas time its transcendent glory.

We welcome this opportunity to extend to each and all our heartiest greetings.

### TED ERICKSON COMPANY Ford Sales and Service



years of the CIO, testified as follows:

"In our convention in September, 1943, we passed a resolution urging the repeal of all taxes on margarine. We are unanimously of the opinion that those taxes should be repealed. I feel that the taxes on margarine are responsible for malnutrition in this country."

The federal tax on oleo is only 1/4 of a cent a pound, yet to hear these representatives of the CIO talk one would think this 1/4 of a cent tax is breaking the back of the American consumer. Both the OPA and the WFA are pretty well staffed with the friends of the CIO. We are beginning to wonder if we have arrived at the place where ration points on butter are being "cleared with Sidney."

### Begin Work On Guide Book

Work started this week on the 1945 edition of the "Vacation and Guidebook" published by EMTA, according to Frank Davis, secretary-manager of the association. This publication will be issued in May, and will be sent in response to inquiries generated by the association's promotional and advertising campaign.

The 29 counties in the territory will be represented by text and recreational photos, and a directory of communities and accommodations will be included. The publication has been expanded to include new feature articles by Michigan's leading outdoor writers, and greater data on transportation—bus, train, plane, highways, ferry schedules, as well as hunting and fishing laws, canoe trips, camps, tourists parks. One unique section, mainly for arousing interest in post-war vacations, will be an analysis of the airports and landing fields in the area and the vacation sports and accommodations available nearby. 5,000 more copies will be issued than last year, because of the interest in the number of inquiries.

"Although many requests for this book are from prospective tourists postponing their extended vacations until after the war, EMTA feels that it is good business to keep reminding the public of Michigan as a vacation State," said Davis.

### Will Serve More Farms

Extensive expansion of electrical service to Michigan rural areas in the two to three years immediately following the war is planned by the major power companies serving the state, information gathered by D. E. Wiant of the agricultural engineering department of Michigan State College, reveals.

More than 25,000 additional farms will be electrified when materials are available. This calls for the construction of an estimated 7,000 miles of lines, and an expenditure of nearly 12 million dollars.

REA borrowers in Michigan are making plans for a \$7,600,000 post-war expansion program that will bring electricity to 12,300 unserved rural consumers within three years after materials and man power become available. Most of this expansion will be in western and northern portions of the Lower Peninsula and in parts of the Upper Peninsula. Four million dollars will be used to build distribution lines and \$3,600,000 to finance generation and transmission facilities, installation of plumbing and electrical equipment on farms and rural homes, and the improvement of existing rural electric systems. REA in past

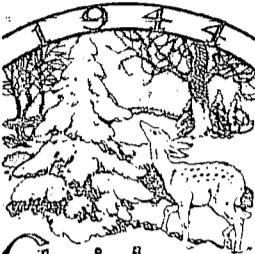
years has made loans in Michigan to 13 locally-controlled member-owned co-operatives which operate 9,000 miles of lines serving 25,000 farms and 7,000 other rural customers.

heirs living, or where they or be published according to law. John C Shaffer, Circuit Judge. Countersigned, Bessie Peterson, Clerk of the Court.

Take notice that this suit, in which the foregoing order was duly made involves and is brought to quiet title to the following described land situated and being in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, to wit: The NW<sup>1/4</sup> of SW<sup>1/4</sup> of Section 4, T.26 N. R.2W lying North of the Au Sable River.

Charles E. Moore,  
Attorney for Plaintiff,  
Grayling, Michigan.  
14-21-28-4-11-18

**Salmon Casserole**  
Add the juice of a half lemon and a tablespoon of onion juice to your salmon casserole. You'll be surprised with the improvement in flavor.



### Christmas GREETINGS

THE nearness of Yuletide

is unmistakable. Whether snow festoons the fir trees or whether earth still awaits its mantle of white, woods and fields, city and town breathe Christmas and its spirit of kindness.

We sincerely hope that the Christmas season of 1944 will be richer for you, fuller, and more satisfying than for many a year; and thank you for twelve months of very pleasant relations.

### GIERKE Service Station

### FROM US TO YOU!

++ Dusk...  
Christmas Eve...  
children moving  
about stealthily,  
wide eyed and ex-  
pectant... you  
know the signs.

Christmas is here, let  
us all be merry, for it  
comes but once a year.

With gratitude for  
your kind favors during  
1944 we send you hearti-  
est Christmas greetings.



Christmas trees are again gleaming in the windows!

\* \* \* \* \*  
Just about time for us to be thinking of how much we are indebted to you.

And just about time for us to call upon two little words that carry more cheer and good will than all the big words that have ever been coined—

Merry Christmas

LIETZ  
Cleaners  
and  
Tailors

TUCKER TOY  
Manufacturing Co.

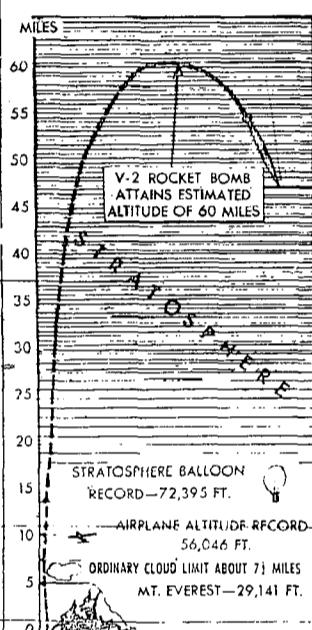


Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!  
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,  
Christmas in lands of the palm-tree and vine;  
Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,  
Christmas where corn-fields lie sunny and bright.

—Philip Brooks.

## SORENSEN FUNERAL HOME

### Flying Ghost Bomb



Merry Christmas!  
Noel! Noel!  
While ageless Christ-  
mas carols fill the air  
this thought comes to  
mind. We would like  
to share with you our  
Yuletide happiness,  
and to feel that in this  
year of grace, 1944,  
Christmas will mean  
more to you than it  
has meant for many  
years past.

Dawson's

The artist shows the relative altitude of the new Nazidom's much-cautious V-2 long-range rocket being used against Britain. The missiles fly through the stratosphere, going up into it at least 60 miles. They have been described as flying telephone poles. Reports from Europe report that a fleet of submarines and ships are being assembled for V-2 attacks on the United States.



GOOD CHEER! There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be spent!

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer if we but pause to reflect.

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

CHARLES W. MOSHIER  
COAL AND COKE

## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

### French-Russ Treaty Highlights Political Activity in Europe; Hem In Japs on Northern Leyte

Released by Western News Service  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expr  
Western Newspaper Union's news analysis)



Stark with realism, this picture from the western front shows a dough boy looking on the shelling of Saarlaatern while a chicken struts about the feet of a dead German soldier in foreground.

#### RACIFIC: Springing Trap

Fighting on Leyte island slowly but surely developed into a knock-down, dragout battle at close quarters, as Yanks compressed the enemy on the northwestern hump of the island from three directions.

As a result of the 77th division's landing below Ormoc, the Japanese main lines not only were threatened from the north and east but from the south as well. Although broad mountains impede passage from the east, and form a narrow corridor from the north helpful to the enemy defense, the country flattens out above Ormoc, offering opportunity to roll up the Japanese lines from the rear.

Despite the danger to their lines on Leyte, the Japs signified an intention to fight it out, with battle slogans including:

"In serving on the seas, be a corpse saturated with water."

"In serving on land, be a corpse covered with vermin."

"In serving in the sky, be a corpse challenging the clouds."

"Let's all die by the side of our sovereign."

#### WORK OR FIGHT: Tighten Draft

Aimed at replacing soldiers released for war production and stemming a growing movement of workers to nonessential industries with postwar employment opportunities, the government ordered the drafting of all men between 26 and 37 not engaged in necessary occupations.

At the same time, the government announced that truck and tire workers would go on a seven-day week, with time and a half pay for the sixth day and double time for the seventh, in an effort to speed up the production of cords for the army. On the western front alone, it was revealed, no less than 500,000 trucks are operating in supplying the troops.

So far, several thousand soldiers have been released to help relieve a critical manpower shortage in important arms plants, a shortage aggravated by the growing movement of 26-37 year-old men to nonessential industries with the feeling that the recent inductions of those under 26 made them relatively draft-free.

Also prompting Selective Service's finer combing of its draft rolls was the increasing need for army replacements. Maj. Gen. Hershey said, with inductions slated to rise 10 to 20 per cent within the next few months.

#### FOOD EXPORTS: Europe's Needs

Except for Russia, the food situation in Europe is in better condition than anticipated, and postwar needs chiefly will center on items with a long production cycle or those requiring processing, a WFA official said.

Although the Russians may return to normal production of grain, peas, beans and similar crops in their famed "bread-basket" province of the Ukraine by next year, WFA Deputy Director Col. R. W. Olmstead said, it will take three years to bring output of meats, fats, oils and sugar to prewar levels.

Because of the Germans' inability to remove bumper 1944 harvests from France during the lightning Allied thrust across the country this summer, that nation has a relatively good food supply, Colonel Olmstead said. In Italy, the problem primarily is one of straightening out shattered communication lines, he stated.

#### Battle Fare

The famous soldier who said "An army travels on its stomach" never had the food supply problems faced by General Hodges' 1st army.

The menu of an army in the field doesn't always come from standard cans of hash and wax-covered packages. Fighting and chasing an enemy often requires a soldier to feed himself with compact food kits which he can stuff into his pocket, but portable stoves, mobile bakeries, coffee roasting units, and huge refrigerator trucks move behind,

#### CIGARETTES: Distribution Plan

With the cigarette supply about 70 per cent of normal and little possibility of improvement in the situation for the duration because of manpower shortages, the nation's wholesalers are planning rationing of stocks to assure an equitable distribution throughout the country.

Under the trade's plan, it was said, each retailer would receive an allotment based on his normal sales. In so doing, wholesalers would try to adjust deliveries to meet shifts in population, which have complicated the problem of adequate distribution.

According to one trade official, the estimate of a 70 per cent supply of cigarettes is an overall figure, since stocks vary. Since the cigarette famine started, one midwestern center has received a 70 per cent supply of two popular brands and about 52 per cent of two others, it was said.

#### EGGS:

##### WFA Sells Stocks

In an effort to speed the movement of eggs into consumption before production seasonally increases, the War Food administration announced that it would sell its remaining government-owned stocks 10 per cent below authorized ceilings.

Of more than 6,000,000 cases of 30 dozen each bought during the heavy production period of '44 to hold up prices, an estimated 575,000 cases remain, it was said.

The government stands to lose \$10,000,000 from its 1944 egg operations, it was said, despite the fact that it expects to net 5 to 7 cents a dozen more on its last batch than it paid for them since prices are higher now than at the season of peak output.

Inventories are sufficiently depleted to enable buyers to absorb its present offerings, WFA said.

#### This Pen's Like Home

"We have an inmate here who doesn't want to leave," a guard told wondering Warden Joseph E. Ragen at Illinois' Stateville prison. "He says he likes it

## Christmas Greetings 1944



"Now all our neighbors' chimneys smoke,  
And Christmas blocks are burning,  
Their ovens they with baked-meat choke,  
And all their spits are turning.  
Without the door let sorrow lie,  
And if for cold it hap to do—  
We'll bury it in Christmas pie,  
And evermore be merry."

These 17th century  
verses typify the old-  
time Christmas spirit  
we wish for you this  
Yule season of 1944.

MARK'S  
Radio Service

here and asks if he can't stay."

Noted for his fair but disciplined handling of convicts, Ragen visited the inmate, completing a sentence of 1 year to 15 months for obtaining money under false pretenses. "I have no place to go and I would like to stay here," the man said.

"I'm complimented," said Ragen, who returned as Stateville's warden following the sensational Roger Touhy break. "But I'm sorry I can't accommodate you. Under the law I may not keep you here one day longer than the court's order calls for."

#### FAIR SEX:

##### Want Privileges

U. S. women, it seems, not only want their cake but they want to eat it, too!

So must have thought Thomas A. Johnstone, director of the General Motors division of the United Automobile Workers Union, upon addressing the first national women's conference of the UAW in Detroit, Mich.

Said Johnstone: "If women insist on getting the same rate of pay plus rest periods, which men do not get, then the men will raise hell."

The 150 delegates sat on Johnstone in a hurry, typical comment being: "Brawn should not be considered more important than brains, etc., etc., etc. A man worker would not expect his wife or sister to do heavy lifting, etc., etc., etc."

Among other things, the delegates asked continuation of the fight for equal pay; abolition of special job classifications for women, and opportunity for advancement to top positions.

#### SOUTH:

##### New Farming

Because of the use of new strains of sweet potatoes in feeding cattle, southern agriculture is gradually changing from a basic cotton economy, J. P. Percy of Alexandria, La., told the 26th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau in Chicago, Ill.

At the same time, A. D. Brownfield of Deming, N. M., president of the American Livestock association, assailed the development of a postwar export program for the sale of manufactured goods through the importation of products already raised here in surplus or in adequate volume.

Not only is the feeding of sweet potatoes enabling southern farmers to increase dairy production and fatten up cattle, Percy said, but it also is forcing them to put more acreage into supplementary pasture of hay and forage crops, further reducing the planting of soil-depleting cotton.

#### EUROPE:

##### Politics

Politics continued to dominate a Europe heading for a climactic year, with both countries and parties jockeying for favorable positions for the vital postwar era.

Biggest news was Gen. Charles de Gaulle's French government's entrance into a treaty of alliance and mutual assistance with Russia, important insofar as it reaffirmed the age-old policy of collaboration of major powers, and rejected the recently advanced proposal for the organization of a regional security bloc consisting of small nations clustered around a large one.

As a result of the treaty, France, backed by Russia, may be assigned an important role in the postwar control of Germany, with respect given to its demands of occupying the entire left bank of the Rhine and removing industrial machinery from Nazi factories.

In Athens, Greece, there was none of the tranquility which reigned in Moscow at the signing of the French-Russia treaty, however, what with Leftist guerrilla forces strengthening their ranks for their fight against Premier Papandreou's Rightist elements supported by the British.

Behind the fighting, which started when the guerrillas refused to give up their arms on the grounds that the Rightists were allowed to keep theirs, was London's interest in the political situation in Greece because of its strategic position in the Mediterranean, British life-line from the east.

Britain's disposition to back the friendly government of Premier Papandreou with armed might indicated its determination for a protection of its vital interests in that country in any settlement.

In Rome, Premier Ivanoe Bonomi reorganized the Italian government with Count Carlo Sforza, vigorously opposed by the British for his anti-monarchical tendencies missing from the cabinet. In opposing Sforza's appointment to the cabinet in another country fronting the Mediterranean, the British charged that he was a "troublemaker" in a nation where the existence of half dozen political parties furnishes wide grounds for differences.

In an attempt to compose such differences, Premier Bonomi decided to share his leadership with in-



At this season we should all subject ourselves to re-examination, to see if good fellowship and kindness still survive as a practical combination to bring happiness to the human heart. Each of us holds in his hands the key to this combination. Let us use it during this Christmas season of 1944, to help transform dreams into realities.

May we add our glad Christmas greetings to the many who are finding their way to you?

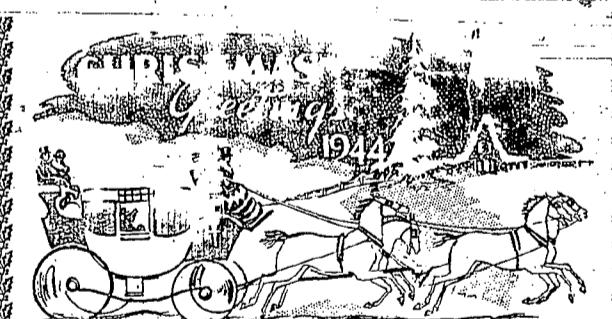
## DAVIS JEWELRY



ALL the good old fashioned spirit of the season is expressed in this hearty MERRY CHRISTMAS.

You've been the best of friends to us in 1944 and here's wishing for you the very best!

## CORWIN AUTO SALES



## IN THESE LAST SHORT DAYS OF 1944

when beaming faces tell that Christmas is very, very near, we are reminded again of the supreme value of friendship. He who has no friends, though he may have amassed a fortune, cannot be happy.

We have many friends in this area—friends from many years back as well as friends who have become friends during this past year. These friendships are a great source of pride and happiness to us.

To all these friends we wish a very Merry Christmas Season.

J. E. SCHOONOVER  
Texaco Distributor



from the  
Officers,  
Directors,  
and  
Employees  
of the

## Grayling State Savings Bank

**LOCALS**

Robert Strong spent Friday in Traverse City.

During the absence of O. P. Schumann, the business of Palmer Fire Insurance Agency and matters of settling accounts are being handled by Mrs. Nola Laurant at 900 Michigan Avenue, Grayling. Phone 3391. Dec. 21

Mrs. Leo Bachman arrived Saturday from Little Rock, Arkansas to make an indefinite stay with her parents, the Middle LaMottes. Lieut. Bachman was recently transferred from Florida to Little Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson left to spend the Christmas holidays with their son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson in Detroit.

Mrs. Susie Wythe returned Monday to the Northern Michigan Sanitorium, after spending a couple of days with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feldhauser.

Louis Kraus is home from Assumption College in Windsor to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus.

Carl Johnson was a business caller in Saginaw Tuesday.

Jane Milnes arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, the Rev. Milnes. Jane is a cadet nurse at Grace Hospital in Detroit.

The Christmas season finds Billyann Clippert home from Kingswood to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

A number of friends dropped in on Rev. Svend Holm Sunday evening to help him celebrate his birthday. The evening was spent socially and a buffet lunch was enjoyed.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Benedict had as guests for a week, their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Manwell, Richard and Kenneth of Adrian.

Mrs. Ed Penty, Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. J. E. Strong and Mrs.

Mrs. N. Van Natter returned Sunday morning, after spending 10 days in Saginaw visiting her sister, Mrs. Liza Duprey and nieces, Grace and Flossie Dewey. The Harold Hatfields have received one Christmas present early. Their son Hazen, 8 1/2, is home from Africa till January 5th at which time he will report to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. It has been 10 months since Hazen was last home.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Van Natter expect their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coutts and sons, from Belmore, Long Island, N.Y., to arrive Saturday.

The family and friends of Mrs. Robert Ziebell dropped in to help her celebrate her birthday, which was Saturday.

Veronica Lovely is expected home Saturday from Bay City to spend the Christmas week with her parents, the Peter Lovlys.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mrs. Carl Johnson and Mrs. Emil Geigling spent Thursday in Traverse City.

Mrs. Laura Parker was a Grayling caller Tuesday.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson returned Saturday, after spending some time in Detroit. She called on her daughter and family, the Richard Snyders of Saginaw, on her return trip.

Mrs. Harry Horton spent Tuesday in Grayling.

Mr. Robert Hayes and Mrs. C. R. Keyport returned Friday after spending several days in Detroit.

Wednesday evening of last week several members of Mrs. Lloyd Perry's family stopped in to wish her a happy birthday.

C. D. Melroy of Frederic was a caller in Grayling Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Neil Morris of South Bend, Ind., announce the birth of a son, William Neil Morris Jr., on December 12. Mrs. Morris is the granddaughter of Mrs. Herbert Wolff of New York City and Lake Marquette.

The Glen Davis are expecting their son, Dennis, home for the holidays on Sunday. Dennis attends Devilvi School in Toledo.

Patricia Roberts arrived Friday from Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Glen Day and Virginia and Ted Papendicks spent Monday and Tuesday in Petoskey visiting Mrs. Day's sister and family, the Harold Smiths.

Gravine Evangelical Lutheran Church will have Danish services on Christmas evening, Sunday the 24th at 4 P.M. No services will be held on the morning of the 25th. Sunday School as usual. On Christmas Day, English services at 11 P.M. Tuesday the 26th, the congregation and Sunday School will have their annual Christmas tree at Danebod Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker returned to Grayling after spending several days in Detroit on business.

Mrs. Del Wheeler has returned home from Detroit and her little grandchild Merle Nellist, accompanied her.

The David Montours left Saturday night to spend the holidays in Detroit where their seven daughters and their families reside.

Gerald Hodge of the U.S. Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hodge, formerly of Grayling and now of Highland Park has arrived from overseas and is in the Oakland, Calif. Naval Hospital. He is expected home soon. Gerald has seen action at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Tarawa and New Guinea.

Mrs. Leo Jorgenson and daughter, Leone, Mrs. Wilfred Laurant and Miss Odie Sheehy spent Tuesday in Petoskey.

Mrs. Elmer Birdsall entertained the lake ladies Tuesday afternoon. Lunch was served and the afternoon was spent mending.

## BOB TINKER HOME FROM SAIPAN, TARAWA, TINIAN, AND POINTS WEST

Twenty-eight months of overseas service in the Pacific a sniper's bullet and wounds from Jap shrapnel have not taken the bounce and jauntiness out of Robert C. Tinker who is home on a 30-day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tinker and his wife the former Laura Decker and last but far from least his two and a half year old son, Bobby, who he had only seen once when the baby was 5 weeks old.

Bob entered the Marine service in September, 1941, after attending school here. After intensive training at Parris Island, S.C.,

Miss Kathryn Peterson is home from Michigan State College to spend the holidays with her parents the Clyde Petersons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flagg plan to leave today for Detroit to spend Christmas with their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Sullivan.

The Eugene Papendicks were Sunday dinner guests of the Hunt Deckrows.

Carl Babbitt is home visiting his mother, Mrs. Howard Bunker and family for the holidays.

Budd Miller is on boat leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller of Beaver Creek.

Robert Jensen is home visiting his parents, the Wm. J. Jenson's, of South Branch, after completing his boot training. Robert's sister, Martha, is also home from Sparrow Hospital, Lansing.

Little Sandra Claire Dunham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dunham, observed her second birthday Sunday, December 17. She had several of her cousins in to help her celebrate. Sandra's daddy is in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Heric and daughter, Miss Patricia, are leaving Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Heric's parents, the N. C. Nielsens at East Tawas.

Notice . . . the dining room at Shoppenogen's Inn will not be open Christmas day.

Word has been received that Lieut. and Mrs. Al Fulvio of Upper Darby Penn., have a brand new baby daughter, Jerilyn. Mrs. Fulvio is the former Monica Hewitt.

Quantico, Virginia and New River Marine Base he was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force and entered upon the broad waters of the Pacific to face the treacherous enemy from the land of the rising sun.

He met the enemy—at Guadalcanal—at Tarawa—at Saipan—at Tinian. At Tarawa, Bob went in with the first wave—directly into the murderous crossfire of the Japs. Many brave American Marines fell at Tarawa, but, Bob came through.

His weapon while with the Marines was the famed bazooka. He must be efficient with this rocket weapon as he is to report back to Parvis Island on January 2 to teach other American lads how to use the rocket-launcher.

A sniper caught up with Bob on Guadalcanal and he was laid up a few days and a burst of shrapnel laid him up for awhile on Saipan. Bob said he was very lucky thought both wounds were slight. "just enough to keep me off the line for a couple of days" was the way he put it.

Bob's biggest thrill was meeting his brother, Bill, and Bill Kraus, and Bill Sorenson—say are there more Bills' in the South Pacific—He first met his brother in Hawaii and then again at Saipan, the nest of the now dreaded B-29 at least dreaded by the smiling boys of the dragon. New Zealand was the site of the first meeting with Bill Sorenson who also turned up again at Saipan. Guadalcanal was the meeting scene for Bob and Bill Kraus. Bill was attached to the Air Units there. He was home just a short time ago.

Missing Ted Nelson who was home and left just two days before Bob's homecoming, was a big disappointment.

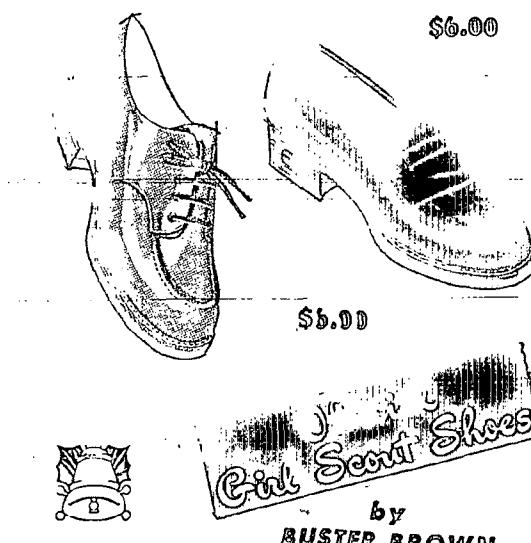
"Ted and I are old school chums and I sure hated to miss him by so close a margin," Bob said.

"I'm sure glad to be home and everybody has certainly treated me fine. I want to thank each and every one of them who have made my stay so far the greatest homecoming a fellow could have," Bob concluded.

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Our Christmas greeting to every man, woman and child in this community . . . a greeting as warm and hearty—we hope—as if it were made to each in person with a friendly smile and a shake of the hand.

Merry Christmas!

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... and on earth peace,  
good will towards men."



THAT clatter out on the porch means Santa Claus . . . or maybe it's only Uncle Joe in his annual role of St. Nicholas.

Yes, there IS a Santa Claus, and there will always BE a Santa Claus in the good old U.S.A.

We wish for you and your family this season of 1944-45 a typical American Christmas.

## GRAYLING LUMBER AND SUPPLY COMPANY

### Three Die

(Continued from Page 1)

Mrs. Barber passed on 8 years ago.

He leaves to mourn him, one daughter, Mrs. Edith Hiser of Hillsdale; four sons, Bert and Austin of Hillsdale, Charles of New York, Arthur of Orlando, Florida; one brother, C. S. Barber of Frederic, a number of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

### "Conk's Column"

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How quiet we see thee lie.  
Above thy deep and dreamless  
sleep.

The silent stars go by.  
"Yet in thy dark streets gleameth  
The Everlasting Light—  
The hopes and fears of all the  
years  
Are met in thee tonight."

—Phillip Brooks.

Christmas again — a time of peace and good will — yet this year it finds the world rocked by the most colossal and terrible war in history. In this case the war is one of the infidel against the Christian, of the savage against civilization. Let us hope the next Christmas finds peace again reigning over the world, with war outlawed for all time through adherence to the teachings of the Man of Galilee.

Snow and blow and cold. Winter is once more with us, and the

fishing season is held up pending the forming of a safe thickness of ice on the lakes, when the fishermen will go in strong for ice fishing. Old-timers are getting their shacks in shape for placing on the ice. We are going to give this form of fishing a thorough try-out this winter. And "Slips" Edwards tells us he knows just where the big ones are. Well, we'll tag along with this boy.

Hunting and Fishing for January has a picture of four Detroit anglers with a catch of seven rainbow trout, the smallest weighing 3 pounds and the largest 64". Wonder if the fish were caught in the Manistee.

Snow and ice fringe the Au Sable now. There seems to be a quietness about this far-famed swift-running stream . . . that it is waiting for something . . . maybe, it too, misses all the boys who are in the service, who used to wade its stretches and landed many a whopper from its depths. Our Christmas wish to all these boys is that the war will soon be over . . . so that the home folks and the old Au Sable will again enjoy their presence. Speed the day!

Haven't seen Bill (Sailor) Hudleston lately. Guess he is busy conjuring up and making some new-fangled trout flies for next season.

And still if comes—more snow. So Santa will use his old reliable sleigh again. The old standby just can't be supplemented by the auto.

### Legal Notices

#### REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

The duly elected delegates from each precinct are required to attend the County convention to be held in the Court House at Grayling, January 3rd, 1945, at 2 o'clock P.M., C.W.T.

The following are the delegates from each township:

Gravling — Tom Wells, Dan Babbitt and A. P. Feldhauser.

Frederic — Wm. Vollmer, Chas. Craven and Norman Fisher.

Maple Forest — Arthur Howse, Wm. Woodburn and Archie Lozon.

South Branch — Sydney Dyer, Russell Stevens and Hazel Stevens.

Lovells — Edgar Caid, M. Thompson and J. Gardapee.

Beaver Creek — Frank Millikin, Hjamar Mortenson and Wm. Ferguson.

City of Grayling — O. P. Schumann, Dr. C. R. Keyport, Chas. E. Moore, Earl Burns, Verna Barber, Norman Butler, Floyd Davis, Frank Bond, Arthur May and Fred Welsh.

This convention will elect delegates to the state convention to be held on January 12th.

CARL W. PETERSON,  
Republican County Chairman  
21-23.

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, REGULATING FISHING IN DESIGNATED TROUT LAKES.

The Director of Conservation, having made a thorough investigation of fishing conditions in trout lakes, recommends certain regulations.

THEFORE, the Conservation Commission, by authority of Act 230, P. A. 1925 hereby orders that for a period of three years from January 1, 1945, it shall be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take more than a total of 10 trout in any one day from the waters of any designated trout lake, but in any case not more than 10 pounds and 1 fish.

Signed, sealed and ordered published this 21st day of September, 1944.

HARRY H. WHITELEY,  
Chairman  
WAYLAND-OSGOOD  
Countersigned — Secretary  
P. J. HOFFMASTER,  
Director, Department of  
Conservation. 7-14-21

#### NOTICE

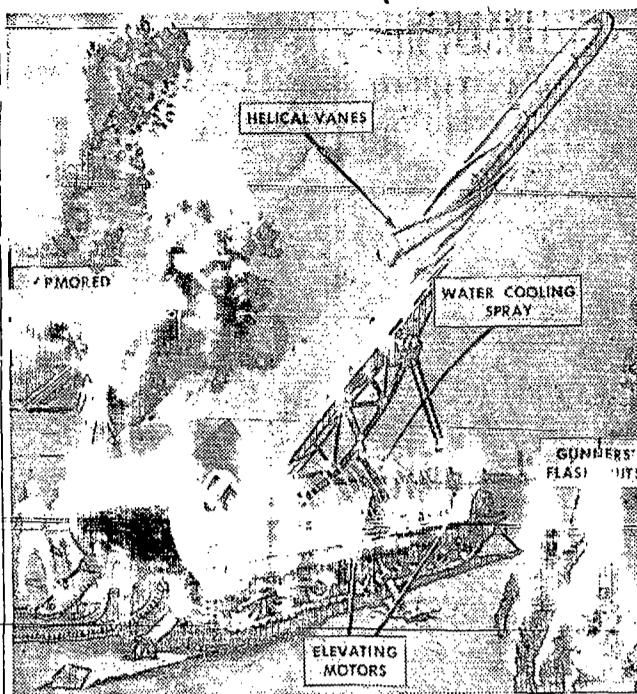
I will be at the town hall in Grayling for the purpose of collecting taxes on the following dates: December 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 and January 2, 6, 9, 10. Clare Madsen, Grayling Township Treasurer. 12-5-51

I will be in Gaylord, Friday and Friday evening, Jan. 5 1945. Offices over Guggisberg's Store, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eyes examined and glasses prescribed. Call phone 149M, Gaylord, for appointment. Dr. Kenneth W. Tinker, Optometrist, Traverse City, Michigan.

#### SCIENCE NOW KNOWS WHY LADIES MUST CRY

Is the "weaker sex" merely a tradition, or do women actually feel pain more than men? Cleverly devised "torture tests," described in the American Weekly with this Sunday's (Dec. 24) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times, reveal new facts about sensitivity to suffering which will settle a lot of old arguments. Get Sunday's Detroit Sunday Times.

### V-2 and Portable Platform



Here for the first time is an artist's conception, based on authoritative analyses and reports, of how V-2 may be hurled from its portable platform from a powerful truck. In the drawing the launching ramp, adjustable, has been raised to a 45-degree angle which gives maximum range. The platform rests on hydraulic jacks to absorb the recoil.

home of the latter's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Weaver.

Philip Dunckley who has been in the Navy in the Atlantic, is spending a 19-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dunckley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Harmer have gone to Pontiac for a visit with relatives.

C. S. Barber left Sunday night to attend the funeral Tuesday of his brother, Robert A. Barber, who passed away last Saturday.

J. W. Payne who has been home on a 10 day furlough from the Army in Colorado, has returned to his camp.

Benny Allen, son of Mrs. Nellie Allen, has enlisted in the Navy and is now stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago.

Carol Denise Lodge was 7 years old on December 13, so 12 of her little friends helped her celebrate after school. Her teacher, Miss Dorothy Meents was also present. After many games, a dainty lunch of fruit jello, sandwiches and two lovely birthday cakes. Carol received a lot of nice gifts and many wishes for more happy birthdays.

### OUR WEATHER

Dec.	Temperature Reading	
	Degrees	Degrees
12	16	28
13	22	22
14	22	22
15	24	32
16	24	34
17	26	22
18	12	16

#### Well Dressed

The well dressed gentleman of the 18th century wore lace collars, cuff garters and shoe rosettes.



SLEIGHBELLS TINKLING DOWN OLD ROADS, FARM HOMES GLEAMING IN THE DARK, THE SPIRIT OF KINDNESS BROODING OVER THE LAND. YES, 'TIS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND ALL MEN ARE KIN.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY AND BRIGHT, AND THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL SHARE OF THE GOOD THINGS THIS HAPPY SEASON BRINGS.

## AuSable Insurance Agency

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